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For: **FUNCTIONAL HANDPIECE HAVING
A LIGHT EMISSION ELEMENT
AT ITS FORWARD END**

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**AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, please enter the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith and amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 7.